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LINCOLN FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES 'HONORARY FIREFIGHTER' AWARD PRESENTATION

Mayor Don Wesely and Fire Chief Michael Spadt of the Lincoln Fire Department will be presenting "Honorary Firefighter" award certificates to Tahir Arkenani, and Mahmoud Alhilali. This event will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2000 at 10:15 a.m. at Station #1, 1801 "Q" St. All media are invited to attend.

On Monday, Feb. 21, 2000 at approximately 1:46 a.m. Tahir and Mahmoud heard screams for help, and upon investigation found a neighbor's apartment on fire, and was told there were two children in the apartment. Tahir entered the burning apartment, found a child and brought him to safety where firefighters initiated medical treatment upon their arrival. Mahmoud also entered the burning apartment and searched for the other child, but was unable to locate her. This award will be presented to recognize these young men's heroic actions in saving the life of one of the children that was in the apartment. Sgt. Terri Lobdell will also be receiving an award for her assistance at this incident.

If you have any questions, please call Chief Spadt at 441-8350.